

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan released the following statement on the announcement of the second round of Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding:

“I am stunned by the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s rejection of the Mahoning Valley’s outstanding application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds. I have already communicated my disbelief to the White House and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, and I intend to pursue all avenues available to ensure that the communities within the 17th District have the resources necessary to carry out these important revitalization programs. Mayor Jay Williams and I are scheduled to meet with the White House next week regarding Youngstown’s 2010 Plan; after today’s announcement, our elimination from the NSP program will be at the top of our agenda.”

Congressman Ryan has already made phone calls to the White House and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A letter expressing the Congressman’s disappointment was sent to President Obama this afternoon; it has been attached to this release.

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